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Speaker of the House of Representatives pays a courtesy visit to the Cathaoirleach of the Seanad Éirann

Speaker Anġlu Farrugia paid a courtesy visit to the Chair of the Seanad Éirann, Senator Mark Daly.

During the meeting, Speaker Farrugia said that Malta values highly the excellent relations that exist between the Republic of Ireland and the Republic of Malta, since the establishment of diplomatic relations between both countries way back in June 1990. Speaker Farrugia continued by saying that both countries share outstanding relationship and added that Malta looks forward to continuing its collaboration with Ireland across the whole spectrum of its relations. He also pointed out that Malta appreciates the constant sharing of good practices during its UNSC bid, ahead of the assumption of its non-permanent seat of the UNSC for 2023-2024.

Both Speakers of the respective Parliaments discussed parliamentary relations, in particular the formation of a Parliamentary Friendship Group, the ongoing cultural and educational initiatives and potential future cooperation which could result in further trade between both countries for mutual benefit.

Both dignitaries discussed also matters of mutual interest amongst which trade relations, energy, cultural cooperation, and commercial collaboration, particularly in the tourism sector.

Earlier in the day, Senator Mark Daly, Chair of the Seanad Éirann addressed the Senate and welcomed Speaker Anġlu Farrugia and his parliamentary delegation. Later, the delegation was also welcomed by Seán Ó Fearghaíl, Chairperson of the Dáil Éirann, during a parliamentary session of the said Dáil Éirann.

The Maltese delegation accompanying Speaker Anġlu Farrugia was composed of MPs Carmelo Abela, Randolph Debattista, Robert Cutajar, and Graham Bencini. Dr Josianne Farrugia, Malta's Deputy Head of Mission, also formed part of the Maltese delegation.